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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

December 5, 2002

An act to add Section ~~5101.10~~ 5088 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 62, as amended, Bermudez. *License Vehicles: special interest license plates: Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Cesar Chavez.*

Existing law ~~authorizes persons to obtain from the Department of Motor Vehicles environmental license plates, in lieu of regular license plates, upon making application for an original or renewal registration of certain vehicles and the payment of a fee.~~

~~This bill would allow a person to apply for a special set of commemorative, reflectorized license plates jointly honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, and would require the department to issue those special license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The bill would require those license plates to be of a distinctive design, containing both the names "Martin Luther King, Jr." and "Cesar Chavez," and be available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.~~

~~The bill would establish special license plate fees to be paid in addition to regular fees, in order to obtain, renew, replace, or transfer the special license plates described above.~~

~~The bill would require the revenues derived from the additional special fees, less the cost incurred by the department in administering this special license plate program, and upon appropriation, to be made available~~ requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates to a person applying for the plates and paying certain fees. The plates contain a distinct design or decal of the participating organization and may be displayed in lieu of regular license plates. Existing law prohibits the department from issuing a special interest license plate until the participating organization has received and submitted to the department not less than 7,500 applications for that particular plate within certain time limitations.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to design and make available for issuance special interest license plates. The bill would require the issuance and design to be as required under existing law, with a distinctive design containing the names “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Cesar Chavez.”

The bill would require that the department, after deducting its administrative costs incurred under these provisions, deposit all revenue derived under these provisions, except as specified, in the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez License Plate Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund.

The bill would require the Controller to make the funds in the account available, upon appropriation, to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for the purpose of ~~funding~~ providing funds to community college districts ~~in establishing~~ for the establishment of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 5101.10 is added to the Vehicle Code,~~
- 2 ~~to read:~~
- 3 ~~5101.10. (a) Any person described in Section 5101 may~~
- 4 ~~apply for a set of commemorative reflectorized license plates~~
- 5 ~~jointly honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, and the~~
- 6 ~~department shall issue those special license plates in lieu of regular~~
- 7 ~~license plates.~~

~~(b) The commemorative reflectorized license plates described in subdivision (a) shall be of a distinctive design, contain both the names “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Cesar Chavez,” and be available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.~~

~~(c) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a renewal of registration, or a transfer of registration, the following special license plate fees shall be paid:~~

~~(1) A fee of thirty five dollars (\$35) for the initial issuance of the special license plates. These special license plates shall be permanent and may not be required to be replaced.~~

~~(2) A fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for each renewal of registration that includes the continued display of the special license plates.~~

~~(3) If the special license plates become damaged or unserviceable, a fee of thirty five dollars (\$35) for the replacement of the special license plates, obtained from the department upon proper application therefor.~~

~~(4) A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for the transfer of the special license plates to another vehicle.~~

~~(5) In addition, for the issuance of environmental license plates, as defined in Section 5103, with the special vehicle license plates and distinctive design, the additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108. The additional fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the California Environmental License Plate Fund.~~

~~(d) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (c), the revenues derived from the additional special fees provided under subdivision (c), less the cost incurred by the department in administering this section, shall, upon appropriation, be made~~

SECTION 1. Section 5088 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

5088. (a) The department, in consultation with the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, shall design and make available for issuance special interest license plates. The issuance and design shall be as required under this article, with a distinctive design containing the names “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Cesar Chavez.” A person described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fees set forth in subdivision (b), may

1 *apply for and be issued a set of, the special interest license plates*
2 *described in this subdivision.*

3 *(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration,*
4 *a renewal of registration, or a transfer or substitution of the license*
5 *plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance,*
6 *renewal, retention, transfer, or substitution of the special interest*
7 *license plates described under subdivision (a):*

8 *(1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).*

9 *(2) For a renewal of registration with the plates, forty dollars*
10 *(\$40).*

11 *(3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars*
12 *(\$15).*

13 *(4) For each substitute or replacement plate, thirty-five dollars*
14 *(\$35).*

15 *(5) In addition, for the issuance of environmental license*
16 *plates, as defined in Section 5103, with the graphic design*
17 *described in subdivision (a), the additional fees prescribed in*
18 *Sections 5106 and 5108, which shall be deposited in the*
19 *Environmental License Plate Fund.*

20 *(c) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), and*
21 *after deducting its administrative costs under this section, the*
22 *department shall deposit the additional revenue derived under this*
23 *section in the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez License Plate*
24 *Account, which is hereby established in the General Fund. Upon*
25 *appropriation, the Controller shall make the funds in the account*
26 *available to the Board of Governors of the California Community*
27 *Colleges for the purpose of ~~funding~~ providing funds to community*
28 *college districts ~~in establishing~~ for the establishment of Extended*
29 *Opportunity Programs and Services, as set forth in Article 8*
30 *(commencing with Section 69640) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of the*
31 *Education Code.*

